

As part of his focus on working conditions, Easley also announced that the DonorsChoose NC program is expanding from 15 pilot counties to all 115 school districts. Teachers go to www.DonorsChoosenc.org and post items their classrooms need, such as textbooks, computer equipment, paper, magic markers and other instructional materials. People wanting to donate to a particular project, just need to go to the website and submit an electronic form.

Since this program was launched last February to help teachers meet classroom needs in low-income communities, people from North Carolina and 37 other states have funded more than \$222,000 worth of teacher proposals in the state.

As of Oct. 5, 695 teachers from 325 schools in North Carolina have submitted 1,562 proposals that were screened and posted by DonorsChoose. Seven hundred of those proposals have been funded so far. Thirty percent of those schools are Title 1, high-poverty schools.

“The DonorsChoose NC program supports our teachers’ needs in the classroom,” Easley said. “With this innovative program, citizens can support teachers and children in every county and every community of North Carolina.”

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